

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A light comprising:
2 an acrylic rod having a first end and a second
3 end;
4 a first circuit board including one or more
5 electrical-to-optical converters to generate photons;
6 and
7 a first end housing having a first opening
8 through which the first end of the acrylic rod is
9 inserted, the first end housing to house the first
10 circuit board and align the one or more electrical-
11 to-optical converters of the first circuit board with
12 the first opening and the first end of the acrylic
13 rod.
- 1 2. The light of claim 1, wherein
2 the acrylic rod is clear.
- 1 3. The light of claim 1, wherein
2 the acrylic rod is cylindrical.
- 1 4. The light of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a second circuit board including one or more
3 electrical-to-optical converters to generate photons;
4 and
5 a second end housing having a second opening
6 through which the second end of the acrylic rod is
7 inserted, the second end housing to house the second
8 circuit board and align the one or more electrical-
9 to-optical converters of the second circuit board
10 with the second opening and the second end of the
11 acrylic rod.

1 5. The light of claim 1, wherein
2 the one or more electrical-to-optical converters of
3 the first circuit board are light emitting diodes (LEDs).

1 6. The light of claim 5, wherein
2 the one or more light emitting diodes (LEDs) emit an
3 incoherent light for dispersion out of the acrylic rod.

1 7. The light of claim 1, wherein
2 the length of the acrylic rod is proportional to a
3 desired wavelength and frequency of light.

1 8. The light of claim 1, wherein
2 the diameter of the acrylic rod is proportional to a
3 desired wavelength and frequency of light.

1 9. The light of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a first reflector coupled to the first circuit board
3 around the one or more electrical-to-optical converters at
4 a first end, a second end of the first reflector aligned
5 with the first opening and receiving the first end of the
6 acrylic rod, the first reflector to reflect photons into
7 the acrylic rod.

1 10. The light of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a reflective strip coupled down the length of the
3 acrylic rod to reflect photons out of the acrylic rod.

1 11. The light of claim 10, wherein
2 the reflective strip encompasses one hundred eight
3 degrees of a diameter of a circular cylindrical acrylic
4 rod.

1 12. The light of claim 10, wherein

2 the reflective strip encompasses ninety degrees of a
3 diameter of a circular cylindrical acrylic rod.

1 13. The light of claim 10, wherein
2 the reflective strip encompasses forty five degrees
3 of a diameter of a circular cylindrical acrylic rod.

1 14. The light of claim 1, wherein
2 the photons are coupled into the acrylic rod and
3 radiated outward therefrom without the use of a fragile
4 glass bulb or filament.

1 15. The light of claim 1, wherein
2 the light is mounted to a rack to light rack mounted
3 equipment.

1 16. The light of claim 1, wherein
2 the light is a light fixture to mount to a surface to
3 illuminate an area.

1 17. The light of claim 1, further comprising:
2 an electrical-to-optical controller coupled to
3 the first circuit board to control the one or more
4 electrical-to-optical converters; and
5 an on/off switch to switch the generation of
6 photons by the one or more electrical-to-optical
7 converters on and off.

1 18. The light of claim 17, further comprising:
2 an intensity selection switch to vary the
3 brightness of the generated light.

1 19. The light of claim 17, further comprising:
2 a color selection switch to selectively choose
3 the mixture of primary colors generated by the one or

4 more electrical-to-optical converters to vary the
5 color of the generated light.

1 20. The light of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a transformer to transform AC power to a safe
3 efficient power to power the one or more electrical-
4 to-optical converters of the first circuit board in
5 an efficient manner.

1 21. A method of lighting without a light bulb, the
2 method comprising:
3 generating first photons of a desired color;
4 coupling the first photons into a first end of an
5 acrylic rod; and
6 radiating the first photons out of the acrylic rod as
7 light.

1 22. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
2 generating second photons of the desired color;
3 coupling the second photons into a second end of the
4 acrylic rod; and
5 radiating the second photons out of the acrylic rod
6 as light.

1 23. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
2 varying a mixture of the first photons to change the
3 color of the light.

1 24. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
2 uniformly varying the mixture of the first photons
3 generated and coupled into the acrylic rod to vary the
4 intensity of the light.

1 25. The method of claim 21, wherein,
2 the acrylic rod is cylindrically shaped.

1 26. The method of claim 21, wherein,
2 the acrylic rod is clear.

1 27. The ornamental design for a light, as shown and
2 described.

1 28. The ornamental design for a transparent rod for
2 a light, as shown and described.